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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5902

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF DER-326 TO TUNISIA

1. WE HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO QUESTION OF WHETHER OR HOW MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES MIGHT AFFECT PLANNED TRANSFER OF DER TO TUNISIA ON OCTOBER 22. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES. LATTER DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH DER TRANSFER ON SCHEDULE AND TO CONTINUE WITH CEREMONIES ATTENDANT TO TRANSFER, WITH POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS DEPENDING ON AREA SITUATION AT THAT TIME.

2. WE SHARE GOT VIEW THAT PLANS FOR TRANSFER CEREMONY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PRESENTLY BE CHANGED. HOWEVER, IF STRONG ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING ERUPTS AS RESULT OF ACTIONS WE MAY TAKE IN CONNECTION MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES, WE MAY WANT TO RECOMMEND THAT GOT CANCEL RECEPTIONS SURROUNDING TRANSFER AND MAKE TRANSFER CEREMONY SIMPLE AFFAIR WITH MINIMUM OF FRILLS. WE BELIEVE IT GOOD IDEA, HOWEVER, TO PROCEED WITH PUBLICITY SINCE IT USEFUL
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TO SHOW -- WHILE RUMORS CIRCULATE RE US RESUPPLY OF

ARMS TO ISRAEL -- THAT WE CONTINUING TO HELP MODERATE
ARAB STATE.

3. WE WILL, OF COURSE, FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY AND
WILL NOTIFY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PROMPTLY IF IN DAYS
AHEAD WE PERCEIVE NEED FOR CHANGING ARRANGEMENTS. AS
ADDRESSEES KNOW, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAS ASSURED ME THAT
GOT WILL CLAMP DOWN FIRMLY AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE DEMON-
STRATIONS AGAINST FOREIGNERS. JUST THE SAME, IT MAY BECOME
DESIRABLE TO LOWER US PROFILE AT CEREMONY.
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